

Amendment No. 28 to SB2624

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by adding the following new section immediately preceding the last section and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION _____. (a)(1) In the event that the duties, authority, responsibility and termination provisions established by Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 3-15-305, 3-15-507, 3-15-508 and 3-15-509 are not vested with newly created and appointed standing committees of the House and Senate by February 28, 2003, then subsection (b) shall take effect.

(2) In the event that the duties, authority, responsibility and termination provisions established by Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 3-15-305, 3-15-507, 3-15-508 and 3-15-509 are vested with newly created and appointed standing committees of the House and Senate by February 28, 2003, then subsection (c) shall take effect.

(b) If subdivision (a)(1) applies, then Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-508, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 3-15-508

(a) When any bill is introduced in the general assembly that will impact or potentially impact upon any area within the scope of review of the committee, as set out in this chapter, the clerk shall at the same time such bill is referred to the appropriate standing committee, notify the chair of the oversight committee of such bill and transmit a copy of such bill to

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the oversight committee. For purposes of participating in the discussions and comments of the oversight committee, the oversight committee chair shall notify the chair or the chair's designee of the standing committee of the date, time and location where the oversight committee will meet to review legislation which has been assigned to the standing committee, and such chair or the chair's designee shall become an ex officio member of the oversight committee when the oversight committee considers such legislation.

(b) In order to efficiently execute the duties set out in this part, the committee shall review all bills transmitted to it as provided in subsection (a), and may attach committee comments to or recommend amendments to such bill prior to its consideration by the appropriate standing committee. The purpose of review by the committee is to assist the standing committee in its consideration of TennCare related legislation by providing appropriate recommendations and background information on the bill or information concerning the impact of the bill on the TennCare program. The standing committee to which a reviewed bill is referred may not consider such bill until the oversight committee has reviewed and commented on the bill. The committee's review of all bills transmitted to it pursuant to subsection (a) shall be completed and the notification required in subsection (c) returned to the chair of the appropriate standing

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committee as quickly as is reasonably possible during each annual legislative session.

(c) Upon completion of the review process, the chair of the oversight committee shall send written notification to the chair of the appropriate standing committee indicating that the review process has occurred and that the bill is ready for consideration by the standing committee. If the oversight committee has prepared committee comments or recommended amendments on a bill, such comments or amendments shall be attached to the notification to the chair. If the committee has reviewed a bill but has no committee comments or amendments, that shall be indicated in the notification to the chair. The chair shall designate a member of each house to file any recommended amendments with the clerk of each house.

(d) Before the commissioner of the department designated to administer the medical assistance program under title 71, chapter 5, part 1, may submit a request for an amendment to the waiver, a renewal of the waiver for the TennCare program, or an amendment to or a restatement of a contractor risk agreement to the United States department of health and human services, the commissioner shall transmit such the text of such proposed amendment or request to the committee for comment at least thirty (30) days prior to submission of the waiver to the department of health and human services. The commissioner shall notify the

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committee of any changes made to the amendment or request after the committee's initial opportunity to comment before the final amendment or request is submitted to the federal agency. No such amendment or renewal request may be submitted or take effect unless the committee has been afforded the opportunity to comment. Since such amendment or renewal requests are legally enforceable when they take effect, the committee shall review such amendments or renewal requests in the same manner as proposed legislation, subject to the thirty-day period required by this subsection.

(c) (1) If subdivision (a)(2) applies, then Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 15, Part 5, is amended by deleting the part in its entirety.

(2) If subdivision (a)(2) applies, then Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-10-401(d), is amended by deleting the language "the select joint committee on children and youth, and the TennCare oversight committee " and by substituting instead the language " and the select joint committee on children and youth".

(3) If subdivision (a)(2) applies, then Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-190(a), is amended by deleting the language " the select oversight committee on TennCare and".